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American Veterans Disabled for Life Commemorative Coin Act, legislation co-authored by Congressman Mark Kirk, R-Highland Park, was signed into law Thursday by President Bush. The new law, which passed the House unanimously in June, authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the U.S. armed forces. The revenue gained from the new coin will help fund a new memorial near the National Mall to honor those veterans. The new law authorizes the creation of up to 350,000 uncirculated silver dollar coins in the year 2010. Each coin is to be sold with a \$10 surcharge and could raise as much as \$3.5 million for the project. The memorial will be the nation's first physical tribute specifically honoring America's disabled veterans. American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial National Spokesman, actor Gary Sinise, a Highland Park native, will be in the 10th District today with his Lt. Dan Band for a concert at Naval Station Great Lakes.